



2015 SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

HALIBUT POINT STATE PARK

Park Interpreter: John Ratti

Park Phone Number: 978-546-2997

All programs are free and open to the public. The daily parking fee is \$5.00 (resident) \$6.00 (non-resident) per vehicle.

Reasonable accommodations available upon request. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information please call the park, or visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-north/halibut-point-state-park.html>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Geology Rocks! 11:00-12:00pm	2	3	4	5 Beautiful Butterflies 10:00-11:30am
6 Reading the Granite Landscape 11:00-12:00pm	7 <i>Labor Day</i> The Yankee Bodleys 10:00-11:00am	8 <i>Groups by Appt.</i>	9 Tidepools 2:00-3:00pm	10	11	12 Quarry Tour 10:00-11:00am The Mobile Museum of American Artifacts 12-3:00pm
13 <i>No Programs</i>	14 The Yankee Bodleys 10:00-11:00am	15 Geology Rocks! 11:00-12:00pm	16 Tidepools 9:00-10:00am	17	18	19 Quarry Tour 10:00-11:00am
20 Birding for Beginners 8:00-10:00am	21 <i>No Programs</i>	22 <i>No Programs</i>	23 <i>No Programs</i>	24 <i>No Programs</i>	25 <i>No Programs</i>	26 Snakes of Massachusetts and the World 1:00-2:00pm
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Babson Farm Quarry Tour Saturdays, September 12, 19 10:00-11:00am	<p>Starting in the 1840s, granite began to be quarried from the area around Halibut Point, first primarily along the coast on a small scale and then on a much larger scale when the Rockport Granite Company acquired the Babson Farm Quarry and expanded its operation. Interpreter will utilize various locations on the trail and around quarry to explain how granite was quarried. Specific lessons include the splitting of granite with traditional quarry tools. Meet at the Visitors Center in the park. For all ages. Rain or shine, pouring rain cancels.</p>
Tidepool Explorers Various time on the calendar	<p>Halibut Point contains some of the best tide pools in New England. Join the Interpreter for a trip down to the rocky shore for some inter-tidal exploration. Learn about these interesting creatures inhabiting a special environment. Meet at the Visitors Center in the park. Best for ages 8 and above. Entails about one mile of walking. Rain cancels.</p>
Birding For Beginners September 20, 8:00 – 10:00 am	<p>The fall brings migratory species to the various environments at the park on their journey down the Atlantic Flyway. Join Peter Van Demark, an excellent birder who can give tips on songs, flight patterns and preferred habitats. Meet in the parking lot. For all ages. Entails about two miles of walking. Rain or shine, pouring rain cancels.</p>
Reading the Granite Landscape Sundays except September 13 11:00-12:00pm	<p>The natural history of granite tells stories via geology, plant communities, environmental forces and human use. Join the Interpreter for this fascinating dissection of the granite that forms the bedrock of Cape Ann. Meet at the Visitors Center in the park. For all ages. About ½ a mile of walking. Rain or shine, pouring rain cancels.</p>
Geology Rocks! Tuesdays, September 1, 15, 29 11:00-12:00pm	<p>Yes, we know: Rocks, how exciting. Well, be advised –This isn't plate tectonics! Come along with us on a one hour park ramble and learn about the great unifying science of Geology. Discover how a rock is not a thing, but a drama reflecting the universal axiom: As above, so below. About one mile of walking and best for all ages. Pouring rain cancels.</p>

The Yankee Bodleys Mondays, September 7, 14, 28 10:00-11:00am	Life at Halibut Point during the Babson Farm era. This program features a one-hour walk featuring the history of Halibut Point before quarrying began and is based on Naomi Lane Babson's 1937 book The Yankee Bodleys. Best for those twelve and over and will be about one mile of walking. Meet at the Visitor Center. Pouring rain cancels.
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SPECIAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS

Beautiful Butterflies with Doug Savich Saturday, September 5, 10:00-11:30am	Butterflies are a wonderful and captivating part of our natural world. Come and join local butterfly expert Doug Savich, author of "The Massachusetts Butterfly Guide to Good Butterfly Sites" will lead this fascinating program on Halibut's butterfly species. This program, sponsored by The Friends of Halibut Point State Park is FREE and open to the public. Most appropriate for families with children. Please consider sunscreen, water and good walking shoes. Entails less than one mile of walking. Meet at the Visitor Center.
The Mobile Museum of American Artifacts Saturday, September 12 12:00-3:00pm	The Mobile Museum of American Artifacts (MMoAA) is a touring museum of personal artifacts and their histories. Operating out of a vintage travel trailer, MMoAA travels from town to town to solicit artifact submissions while exhibiting objects and stories of the communities it has already visited along the way. It pops-up at local host sites—grocery store parking, museums, local libraries, and everywhere in between—in order to reach a wide range of audiences and participants within a city. Locals can view the existing exhibition inside the MMoAA or donate an object from their own lives, which will travel along with the museum as part of its evolving collection. No walking on this program and best for all ages. Takes place no matter the weather.

Snakes of Massachusetts and the World Saturday, September 26 1:00-2:00pm	Join licensed herpetologist and Cape Ann Vernal Pond team member Rick Roth for this program taking place outside the Visitors Center that features some thirty live snakes. Sponsored by the Friends of Halibut Point State Park. For all ages.
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